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1. SUMMAR: PLENARY ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS RESES 456 AND 457 ON REGIONAL STRUCTURES PROVIDING FOR SYG STUDY AND INTERSECRETARIAT MEETINGS. RES 454 AND A DECISION ON TOURISM WERE ALSO ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS. THE US AND BRAZIL MADE STATEMENTS ON THE DECISION RE CHINESE IN IUOTO. DEBATE ON THE 55 TH AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR REDOING THE ECOSOC CHAMBER WERE INCONCLUSIVE AND WILL BE RESUMED MAY 18. END SUMMARY

2. THE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE SYG TO PREPARE A FURTHER STUDY OF REGIONAL STRUCTURES (RES 457) WAS ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS FOLLOWING A STATEMENT BY THE LEBANESE DEL THAT THE STUDY SHOULD NOT PREJUDICE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSION IN WEST ASIA. RES 456 ON INTERSECRETARIAT MEETINGS WAS REVISED FROM THE FLOOR. THE US DEL REQUESTED DELETION OF THE WORDS " AND SUPER-VISION" FROM OP PARA 1, SINCE IN HIS VIEW THESE WORDS UNCLASSIFIED

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INTRODUCED LEGAL PROBLEMS AND PERHAPS UNDERMINED THE ENTIRE SENSE OF THE REMAINDER OF THE RES. THE UK REP SUGGESTED THE REPLACEMENT OF " LEGISLATIVE BODIES" WITH THE WORDS " INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODIES" IN OP PARA ONE

SINCE IN HIS VIEW THIS WAS MORE IN LINE WITH UN USAGE. BOTH THE US AND UK AMENDMENTS WERE ACCEPTED BY THE CO-SPONSORS AND THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS. LINE FIVE OF OP PARA ONE NOW READS." " AND UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODIES OF THE REC S CONCERNED".

3. RES 454/ REV2 ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS PROVIDES FOR A STUDY OF IMPACT OF TOURISM ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF LDCS. THE COMMITTEES DECISION RE CHINESE IN IUOTO WAS ADOPTED BY THE PLENARY. THE US AND BRAZILIAN DELS REITERATED IN PLENARY STATEMENTS ALREADY MADE IN COMMITTEE ON THE DECISION. (SEE USUN 1807)

4. THE DEBATE ON THE EXTENSION OF THE 55 TH ECOSOC SESSION BY ONE WEEK AND THE AGENDA FOR THAT SESSION WERE INCONCLUSIVE. CHILE SPOKE IN FAVOR OF THE EXTENSION AND WISHED TO ADD ITEMS TO THE AGENDA, INCLUDING MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS AND MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. INC CONNECTION LATTER POINT, CHILE SUGGESTED THAT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GATT BE INVITED TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN SESSION. FRANCE SUGGESTED THAT WEEK' S EXTENSION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED " OPTIONAL" AND THAT EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO END SESSION BY AUGUST 3. MALAYSIA COULD NOT SUPPORT EXTENSION OF THE SESSION DUE TO LACK OF PERSONNEL.

5. THE PLENARY THEN TURNED ATTENTION TO DOC E/5308 ON ECOSOC CHAMBER. PRESIDENT FRAZAO COMMENCED ATTACK ON REPORT SAYING THAT THE SYG' S PROPOSED SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM WAS TOTALLY INADEQUATE AND CONCLUDING THAT A WORKING GROUP SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED TO CONSULT WITH THE SECRETARIAT ON DEVELOPING A NEW SCHEME MORE COMMENSURATE WITH COMFORT AND DIGNITY OF ECOSOC. MANY REPS, INCLUDING US, NEW ZEALAND, CHILE, UK AND THE NETHERLANDS EXPRESSED DISPLEASURE WITH SYG' S REPORT AND SUPPORTED ANOTHER LOOK AT THE QUESTION. DISCUSSION
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